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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

For: MANAGEMENT SERVER FOR ASSIGNING STORAGE AREAS TO SERVER, STORAGE APPARATUS SYSTEM AND PROGRAM

Customer No.: 20350

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2007, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.